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*H.H. Editor Aghast: There Is*

## ONLY ONE 'C' IN BROKENICKY

*Egregious Error Emblazoned (Not Once But Twice!)  
On Front Page of July/Aug. H.H.*

**Victim Tactfully Points Out Misspelled Name**

*Perpetrator Attempts To Blame Technology*

**H**orizon Herald V4#4 (the issue immediately before this one) did a bang-up job of welcoming new Horizons, Inc. owner Phil Brokenicky by egregiously misspelling his name, not once but twice, on the front page.

Mr. Brokenicky demonstrated admirable humility and good humor by not even mentioning the error until two weeks after the issue hit the streets, several minutes into a telephone conversation with HH-Editor Nancy Moron, and then only when directly asked for his comments.


Upon learning of the error, the hapless editor emitted several primal screams into the telephone handset. She then attempted to convince Mr. Brokenicky that her spelling was the correct one and the mistake was his. Brokenicky's only reply was, "What? What? I can't hear you. My ears are ringing."

Taking this as a sarcastic reference to her failure to face reality, the editor stoically accepted responsibility for the mistake. After hanging up, however, she quickly shifted the blame to the nearest target: Technology.

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## Pot of Gold


 We just got back to the mainland after 32 nights in Newfoundland (and experiencing a serious case of return-to-mainland and hot-and-humid culture shock in North Sydney, NS). It was fabulous! Met up with fellow NH owners Mike & Alice Wadsworth and Tom & Isabel Carpentier. Strong dollar (average campsite rental was US\$12.00) and incredible scenery. We took the ferry to Argentia, NF (14 hours) and towed 1,100 miles back to Port aux Basques for the return ferry.

We're now headed up the eastern New Brunswick coastline for the Gaspé Peninsula and Quebec City, then slowly back home to Texas. By the way Camping Shippagan is a beautiful park (former provincial park) on an equally beautiful peninsula. It's a must-stop if in the area.

*-Bill Savid*

 We placed our order in January and our NH went into production in June as planned. [Scheduled to pick up in Sept.] We just completed a 4 1/2-mo. trip to Alaska, The Yukon, Northwest Territories, B.C. and Alberta in a pickup camper as we traveled all the gravel roads and didn't want to put a 5th wheel through that trauma. Don't know yet if we can make the rally in October as we will have to pull the 5th wheel to LaPorte south of Houston to really move our things into it. We are preparing our house for sale also.

*-Jan & Cathy Emrick*










 We bought a used 1991 NH in 1993 in Junction City. Mr. Johnson, his sons, and all who worked for him were very nice and helpful. Any time we had a question, we always knew we could call them.

We plan on going to the NH Rally in October. It will be the first Rally we've

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## Horizons Rally Ready To Rock'n'Roll

-  There are 56 RIGS registered for the Rally
-  Friday night will be the Owners' Pot Luck Dinner!
-  Saturday night will be the Horizons Hog Roast!
-  Sunday will be the Rig Open House!
-  See the letter from Karen Brokenicky inside!

-  Discussion Sessions include:
  -  Wireless communications
  -  Useful software
  -  Solar power
  -  Health care on the road
  -  MOR-Ryde Axle conversion
  -  Working on the road
  -  Industry trends (JD Gallant)
  -  5th wheel landing gear and slide hardware

# 2002 New Horizons Rally



THE COUNTDOWN HAS BEGUN!

## *A Letter From Mrs. Brokenicky:*

Hi Nancy,

Phil and I are really looking forward to meeting a lot of New Horizons owners at the rally in October. I wanted to let the ladies know of a fun event that is taking place in Manhattan at that time.

Pumpkin Patch is an arts and crafts fair that will be in Cico Park. This will be the 30<sup>th</sup> annual so we have a good reputation with the vendors. There are approximately 150 vendors there and since it is at the fairgrounds there is plenty of parking. Great food too.

The hours are 10 to 8 on Friday and 10 to 4 on Saturday. I'll have maps or directions available for anyone that might be interested. We'll be out of town Friday evening for our son Cole's football game but will get the information to you beforehand. Again we are really excited to welcome everyone to Manhattan. See you in October.

Sincerely,

*Karen Brokenicky*

## *An Open Letter To Horizons, Inc.*



Dear Harold (and Phil),

Several months ago I called and asked that you list the NH I had bought last April, 2001. My decision was not due to any dissatisfaction with the RV -- indeed, it performed flawlessly. The problem was financial. Like many of us, during the time I ordered and received my unit, many of my stocks fell dramatically and I thought the best thing to do was to reduce my debt by selling the RV and truck.

Since my wife and I are full-timing, it would be necessary to buy some other RV and truck to move into. So there we were, looking for a unit about 2/3 of what our NH cost. In that price range, only a 15-year-old unit would fit that description; and as there are very few 15-year-old 5th wheels fit to live in, the only possibilities would be either an Airstream or Axiom travel trailer. I walked in several units, and even though they were 34', they all had the feeling of living in a two-man submarine, and there was no way a newlywed couple and a cat could stay married for long!

And then the clincher: although the units appeared well-built, a 15- to 18-year-old unit is just that; and when you factor in the cost of maintenance, it erases any "savings" gained. Indeed, after 17 months and 25,000 miles our NH has had absolutely no malfunctions. The only money I have spent on it was regular maintenance, and I realized I'd be crazy to trade it in for anything less.

Accordingly, I ask that you take us OFF the used NH list. I'm keeping the RV and I'm keeping the wife and kitty. Besides, where else could I find anything with that wonderful hatch over the bed?

Best wishes and luck to everyone at NH! (Aug. 17, '02)

*-- Drew & Mary Elson*

## TECHNOLOGY TO BLAME

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"Saving email to a floppy at the library involves hunting down the only librarian who knows how to lower the computer's Internet defenses," Moron needlessly explained. "It was faster to just print things out and retype them into my computer when I got home. So it's their fault." "Also, so-called Spell-Check did absolutely no good whatsoever." She continued to interrupt herself with flimsy excuses, though no one was listening.

Finally, as a dramatic act of contrition, Editor Moron felt the only decent thing to do was to misspell her own name several times in the current issue. "Now I know how it feels." "Sorry Phil." "At least I spelled Phil right."

## Grass Isn't Always Greener

This has been a strange summer. I've spent a lot of time helping with recovery efforts from the Hayman fire that you may have read about (137,000 acres burned). I am very active in Lutheran Valley Ranch, a once mountain paradise with 600+ acres devoted to 5 acre lots assigned to some 124 members and 200 acres devoted to a religious youth camp. About 500 acres were devastated with an 'intense burn' (where nothing green remains); 24 cabins were lost, and some 20 camping trailers. I lost only a rake and my five acres of trees, which was a beautiful place to take my NH trailer.

Nonetheless, you can imagine the special recovery effort that's now underway. There are dangerous trees that must be cut down before they fall down and kill someone, soil conservation measures to prevent erosion when the rains come, how to dispose of the debris that's left of cabins, and how to deal with what's left to make it a nice place for people to come. Lots to do.


So, September will be my New Horizons month. I'm finally getting around to thinking about the Rally. I appreciate all the work that the rest of you have done.

*--Ralph Schumierer*



## Good Places To Go



 We spent a couple of nights [mid-March] at Kartchner Caverns State Park in Arizona. It is just 7 miles south of I-10, near Benson. The campground is in the high desert and the large sites are surrounded by desert vegetation and it can be cold at night. A roadrunner visited us one sunny afternoon as we sat at the picnic table. There are water and electric hookups (30 and 50 amp), a dump station, and nice restrooms and showers. There are a couple of well-marked hiking trails into the surrounding Whetstone Mountains.

The big attractions are the cave and the Discovery Center. Unless you make reservations for a cavern tour at least two months in advance, you must get up at 5 a.m. or earlier, drive out of the park exit, and get in line at the entrance to get a number which gives you a chance to buy tickets for that day's tours. The lower your number,

the more tour time choices you have. We were # 17 in line so the first tour with two openings was at noon. We actually picked a 4:20 p.m. tour so we could do a three-mile hike in the morning.

The caverns make all this ticket trouble well worthwhile. They have only been open to the public since late 1999. This is one of the few "living" caves in the world. The fabulous formations inside are still growing because of a continuous source of dripping, oozing water. You enter and exit through two sets of airlock doors designed to keep the humidity unchanged. The state is determined to protect the cave's integrity for thousands of years. Right now their procedures are "state of the art."

They were planning to open a second room of the cave in November. That section will only be open in the winter,

while the bats who roost there are hibernating higher in the mountains. Don't miss Kartchner Caverns! You can stay as long as 14 days at the campground and there is lots to see and do in Cochise County!

—Gen & Kirk Griffith

 Horizon Herald readers who are planning a trip to Yellowstone may be interested in knowing that there are several RV parks in West Yellowstone, Montana, should they have trouble locating space in Yellowstone itself. One of our favorites is a Forest Service campground, Baker's Hole, just two miles north of West Yellowstone. Because we live relatively close to Yellowstone, we get up to Baker's Hole frequently and have never failed to locate a nice site even on busy weekends. Most of the Yellowstone attractions are an easy drive from West Yellowstone.

—Ralph & Mary Throckmorton

## The Amazing Port-a-Bote

Since the beginning of my RV adventure, I've been drooling over the Port-a-Bote ads in the RV catalogs, planning and saving for the day when I would unfold my very own little boat and set out to sea.

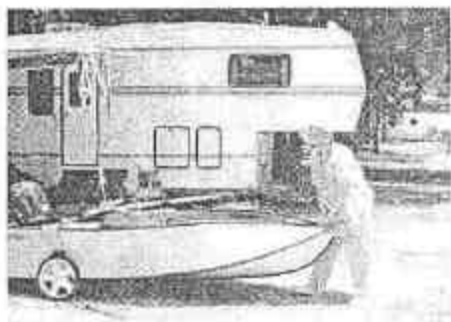
The day came recently. Living right on the water near Gulf Shores, Alabama, the need for the boat intensified to the point that it was unbearable. The time had arrived.



On the advice of neighbors, I did contemplate buying some old beat-up used aluminum boat, but the necessity of a bulky trailer would have forced me to sell it again (or store it) before leaving the Gulf Coast. The Port-a-Bote could come along with me through all my future adventures.

Ergo, I ordered both the boat and a 5-horsepower motor through the website (on sale!). They were delivered in about four weeks, cocooned in many layers of packaging. These photos show the boat on its maiden voyage. The next issue of HH will contain my product review and further details of my Port-A-Boting experience.

—Nancy Moon



## Pot of Gold

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ever gone to and we are really looking forward to it. It sounds like a lot of fun and, also, very informative.

Don retired in 1994 from the Goodyear Tire Co. I retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. in 1992. We have really enjoyed our fifth-wheel. We've taken a few long trips, but most of our camping has been at nearby lakes.

—Don & Wilma Jones

"When your ship,  
long moored in harbor,  
gives you the illusion  
of being a house...

*put out to sea!*

*...save your boat's*

*journeying soul,*

*and your own*

*pilgrim soul,*

*cost what it may."*

*--Brazilian archbishop Helder Camara, in  
Phil Courteau, The Art of Pilgrimage: The  
Sage's Guide To Making Travel Sacred*



## Making The Perfect Rig A Little Better

The article "It's Such A Nice Rig... Now  
Let's Change It!" was superb. Thanks for  
including these ideas. Two questions:

1. Has anyone an opinion about leaving  
out the wall between the bedroom and  
bathroom? How does this affect airflow,  
privacy, etc.? Ninety-five percent of the  
time it will be just the two of us, but  
what about guests without such a wall?

2. What about putting in an overhead  
fan in the bedroom as opposed to  
putting in a fantastic fan? As a woman  
who has lived with "power surges" for a  
number of years now, I find that if air is  
blowing over my body I'm able to sleep  
more comfortably. I'm sure others have  
faced this problem and have an  
informed solution.

Anyone with ideas can reply to my  
email at [madeline\\_stephens@yahoo.com](mailto:madeline_stephens@yahoo.com)

*--Madeline Stephens*

## Favorite Potluck Recipe



### Chocolate Chip Blondies

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 1/2 cups brown sugar
- 6 Tbsp. light butter, softened
- 2 large egg whites
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1/3 cup water
- 6 oz. mini chocolate chips  
(3/4 cup)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In  
a small bowl, combine flour,  
baking powder and salt. In a  
large bowl, beat brown sugar  
and butter until fluffy. Add egg  
whites and vanilla. Gradually  
beat in flour mixture alternating  
with water. Stir in chips. Spread  
into a foil-lined 9" X 13" baking  
pan. Bake until golden, about 20  
to 25 minutes. Cool on wire  
rack. Remove foil and cut into  
24 two-inch squares.

*--Leanne Bell*

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